GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESERVATION OF VACANCIES FOR SC/ST
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether `backlog/carried forward vacancies` reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs are required to be treated as a `separate and distinct group` as provided under Article 16 (4) B of the Constitution to overcome 50% ceiling limit on vacancies to be reserved in an year;

(b) if so, indicate `backlog/carried forward vacancies` ascertained as per para 5 of the DOPT OM No.36012/2/96-Estt. (Res) dated 2nd July 1997 in respect of (1) SCs, (2) STs and OBCs in Group A, B, C and D categories of services as on 29th August 1997 in the Ministry of Finance when special recruitment drives etc. meant for filling such vacancies were stopped;

(c) the yearwise such carried forward vacancies filled during the last four years and those which remain unfilled; and

(d) the fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved classes in all categories of posts during the last four years as per `post based rosters`?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (d) : As per the instructions of DOP&T dated 20.7.2000, the ceiling of 50% on filling up of reserved vacancies would apply only on the reserved vacancies which arise in the current year and the backlog/carried forward reserved vacancies for SCs/STs of earlier years would be treated as a separate and distinct group and would not be subject to any ceiling. However, backlog and/or carried forward reservation will automatically lapse in a cadre as soon as combined representation of a reserved category in direct recruitment as well as promotion is either equal to or more than the prescribed number of reserved posts in the relevant post-based rosters. These instructions do not apply to the vacancies reserved for OBCs. The provision contained in para 5 of the DOP&T`s O.M. dated 2.7.1997, is regarding initial operation of post-based roster and identifying excess/shortfall in respective categories in the cadre and not about backlog/carried forward vacancies. No centralised data as to carried forward vacancies and vacancies/posts accruing to reserved class in case of various offices under the Ministry of Finance is maintained.